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Annual Report

THORNTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Granted: 1768

Settled: 1770

Incorporated: 1781

Total Area: 32640 Acres

Public Lands: 15038 Acres

Altitude: 555 - 2610 Feet

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1950

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.

YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1950

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1950

SELECTMEN

Kenneth W. Robbins	Campton 58-3
Clayton S. Ham	No Phone
Clifton L. Shores	Campton 38-22

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Irma Sullivan	Campton 24-24
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TAX COLLECTOR

Ida M. Horner	Campton 28-13
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MODERATOR

George Thompson	Campton 18-4
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OVERSEER OF POOR - HEALTH OFFICER

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
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ROAD AGENTS

Dist. No. 1 & 2—John Rivers	Campton 26-14
Dist. No. 3—Fred Adams	No Phone

FIRE WARDENS

Bert Benton	Campton 28-15
Spencer Ham	N. W. 3965
Lester Bradley	No Phone
Carl Broad	Campton 26-4

POLICE

Ralph Steele	Campton 44-13
Theodore Hanson	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Frances Avery, Isabel Ham, Ethel Robinson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Kenneth Robbins, Glenroy Howland, Scott Benton

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Ralph Steele, Fred Adams, Clarence Downing

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES

Scott Benton

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DAY OF RECKONING

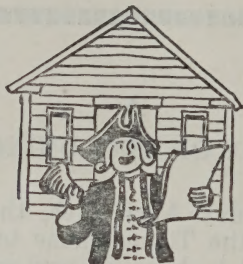
On Saturday April 14th, the Selectmen will meet at the Town House to receive Inventories, and to hear all persons regarding their liability to be taxed.

The Inventory blanks (which are mailed to you before this date) look sort of complicated, but don't throw them out — FILL THEM OUT. Answer the questions which apply to you, sign the blank and mail it to the Selectmen—or bring it to the Town House. The Law asks you to do this.

You need not list your property in great detail, but the description should be accurate—and mean something. Don't just put down "40 Acres land"—but say "40 Acres, Smith Place at Mad River," or "40 Acres, Merrill land at Knocker's Hole." Don't say "Small cottage on cement posts," but give us a break and say "Cottage and one acre land, former Hunt place at Chickenborough."

The Selectmen are pretty good, — but they are not mind readers. And they will see how small the cottage is, and look at those cement posts, later on.

TOWN WARRANT



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Dump.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as printed, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
4. To see what discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before September first, or a later date to be set by the Selectmen.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell Town Property.

7. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Trust Fund of \$150.00 from Eliza Haynes, the income from \$100 thereof to be used for perpetual care of the Eliza Haynes cemetery lot, and the income from \$50 thereof, to be used for the perpetual care of the Frank Ham cemetery lot.

8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the sale of the Lyford School building by the Thornton School Board, paying the proceeds to the District Treasurer for school purposes.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

KENNETH W. ROBBINS,

CLAYTON S. HAM,

CLIFTON SHORES,

Selectmen of Thornton

THE BUDGET

Estimates Of Expenditures For Ensuing Year

Purposes	Expenditures	
	Actual 1950	Estimated 1951
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,265.50	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	490.22	500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	188.00	75.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	40.80	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department and Civil Defense	25.00	250.00
Fire Department	330.68	200.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	1,718.20	1,500.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	29,442.20	2,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	739.92	800.00
Town Road Aid	267.84	270.00
Libraries	50.00	50.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	445.00	375.00
Old Age Assistance	1,665.83	1,800.00

THE BUDGET - Continued

Purposes	Expenditures	
	Actual 1950	Estimated 1951
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	4.00	10.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	217.04	200.00
Town Dump		100.00
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal Expenses, Including Dog Damage	850.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	52.26	60.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Construction	1,140.17	2,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental		
Divisions:		
County Taxes	1,118.41	1,118.00
School Taxes	12,928.00	12,000.00
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Total Expenditures	\$25,654.57	\$25,323.00

The previous two pages help you to determine WHAT you propose to provide for carrying on the cost of running Town affairs for another year.

The actual expenditures of the past year are compared with the estimated expenditures for the present year. If you do not vote to accept the Budget as printed, each item may be voted upon separately by making a motion to that effect.

The next following page determines HOW the costs of running the Town are to be provided. It lists the estimated various revenues which the Town expects to receive from sources OTHER than from taxes raised on your property, and the amount which must be raised from property taxes.

The Budget

Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1950	Estimated 1951
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax \$	236.15	\$ 200.00
Railroad Tax	109.25	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	84.75	75.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	1,498.33	1,450.00
Growing Wood and Timber	588.89	600.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	36.27	
National Forest Reserve	522.23	500.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	198.00	175.00
Income from Trust Funds	102.26	102.00
Motor Vehicle Fees	1,377.79	1,300.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	316.00	316.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes		4,816.00
Amount to be raised by Prop. Taxes		2,050.70*
Total Revenues		\$ 25,323.00

(* This is an increase of \$2,500.00 over 1950)



*Care given at the right time, to our town roads,
saves the Taxpayer's money.*

Reports & Statistics

of Divisions of Town Government

Assessment Statistics - 1950

Lands and Buildings		\$540,138.00
Electric Plants		67,067.00
Horses	65	5,700.00
Cows	144	14,250.00
Other Neat Stock	27	2,025.00
Sheep and Goats	17	170.00
Hogs	1	25.00
Fowl		510.00
Portable Mills	4	1,300.00
Wood, Lumber, etc		1,140.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		1,705.00
Stock in Trade		5,300.00
Mills and Machinery		200.00
Total Gross Value Before		
Exemptions Allowed		639,151.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and		
Exemptions to Blind		29,285.00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate		
Is Computed		610,245.00
Tax Rate per C. of Valuation		\$3.10
Property Taxes Committed		\$19,345.84
Poll Taxes Committed		\$440.00

Financial Report, 1950

ASSETS

Cash	
In Hands of Treasurer	\$ 4,753.30
In Hands of Officials	
Scrap metal - War Bonds	174.80
Accounts Due to the Town—	
Due from State:	
Bounties	10.75
TRA	354.32
Natl. Forest Reserve	500.00
Reimbursement Federal Lands	1,500.00
Bal. Timber Tax Reimbursement	108.11
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(From tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1949	391.86
Levy of 1948	417.89
Previous years	174.43
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1950	3,673.54
Total Assets	<hr/> \$ 14,059.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding	\$ 59.83
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	8,272.06
Deposit a/c Timber Tax	
Oct. Bal. on hand	27.93
Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$ 8,359.82
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	5,699.18
Grand Total	<hr/> \$ 14,059.00

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS — 1950

	Amount	Overdraft	Unexpended
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 90.50	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00	90.28	
Election and Registration	150.00	38.00	
Town Hall Expenses	100.00		59.20
Police	25.00		
Fire Department	400.00		62.32
Vital Statistics	10.00	5.00	
Town Road Aid	267.84		
Town Maintenance — Summer	2,000.00		
Town Road Maintenance — Winter	2,500.00	162.40	
Highway General Expense	800.00		60.08
Library	50.00		
Town Poor	500.00		55.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00		334.17
Memorial Day	15.00		11.00
Care of Cemeteries	300.00		30.70
Advertising	52.26		
County Tax	1,118.41		
School Tax	12,648.91	279.09	
Special Town Road App.	1,200.00		59.83
	<u>\$ 25,737.42</u>		

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$ 2,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	100.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	1,200.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
Cemetery	200.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	6,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
Carrie Royce lot	50.00
Owner Unknown lot	100.00
Mike Nugent camp	200.00
 Total	 <u>\$ 13,100.00</u>

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance due Dec. 31, 1949	\$ 8,551.15
Plus 1949 Dog money	160.00
	<u>\$ 8,711.15</u>
Less Orders to July 1, 1950	6,050.00
	<u>\$ 2,661.15</u>
Less 1949 Dog money remitted	160.00
	<u>\$ 2,501.15</u>
Bal. due close of Term	261.12
Plus 1950 Forest Reserve	12,648.91
Plus 1950 Appropriation	<u>\$ 15,411.18</u>
Less Orders to Dec. 31, 1950	7,139.12
	<u>\$ 8,272.06</u>
Due District, Dec. 31, 1950 for Term to July 1, 1951	8,272.06

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1950

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1949	\$	7,228.16
Received from Selectmen		3,335.04
Received from Town Clerk		1,581.14
Received from Tax Collector		

1947 Redemption	\$	27.35	
1948 Redemption		228.42	
1949 Redemption		132.87	
1948 Levy		15.74	
1949 Levy		2,765.86	
1949 Land Sale		493.47	
1950 Levy		15,470.79	
Yield Tax		399.47	
		<hr/>	19,532.97

Total Receipts and Balance	\$	31,678.31
Total Payments		26,925.01

Cash on Hand Dec. 30, 1950	\$	4,753.30
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IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 30, 1950

Received for Auto Permits 1949	\$	3.17
Received for Auto Permits 1950		1,377.97
Received for Dog Licenses		198.00
Received for Filing Fee		2.00

Paid Town Treasurer	\$	1,581.14
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IRMA SULLIVAN,

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 18,917.60
Poll Taxes	440.00

Total Warrant	\$ 19,357.60
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Yield Taxes	494.54
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Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	10.85
Poll Taxes	2.00

Interest Collected	12.35
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Total Debits	\$ 19,877.34
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Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 15,142.44
Poll Taxes	316.00
Yield Taxes	399.47
Interest Collected	12.35

Discount Allowed	327.54
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Abatements	6.00
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Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	3,458.47
Poll Taxes	120.00
Yield Taxes	95.07

Total Credits	\$ 19,877.34
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Selectmen - In Account With

Year Ending December 30, 1950

Summary of

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, 1950	\$ 15,144.44
Poll Taxes, 1950	316.00
Yield Taxes	399.47
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	\$15,857.91
Property Taxes, Previous Years	3,069.67
Poll Taxes, Previous Years	118.00
Interest Received on Taxes	99.75
Tax Sales Redeemed	388.64

From State:

Interest and Dividend Tax	236.15
Railroad Tax	109.25
Savings Bank Tax	84.75
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	588.89
National Forest Reserve	522.23
Fighting Forest Fires	36.27
Bounties	63.75

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	198.00
Income from Trust Funds	77.26
Registration Motor Vehicles, 1949	3.17
Registration Motor Vehicles, 1950	1,377.97

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Timber Tax Deposit	93.16
Cemetery Lots	25.00
Filing Fee	2.00

Total Receipts other than current revenue	120.16
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Total Receipts from all sources	\$ 24,450.15
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1950	7,228.16
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Grand Total	\$ 31,678.31
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Town of Thornton

Year Ending December 30, 1950

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Kenneth Robbins, 1950 Chm. \$	200.00
Clayton Ham, Selectman	175.00
Clifton Shores, Selectman	150.00
Irma Sullivan, Treasurer	200.00
Irma Sullivan, Commissions	157.50
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector 1949	200.00
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector 1950	200.00
George K. Thompson, Moderator	15.00
Nellie Adams, Auditor	8.00
Olive Benton, Auditor	8.00
Vera Hazeltine, Librarian	110.00
Ethel Shores, Librarian	12.00
Evelyn Benton, Sec. Trustees	10.00
Ralph Steele, Overseer	20.00
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	\$ 1,465.50

Town Officers' Expenses:

F. J. Shores, Reg. Deeds	1.18
Nellie Adams, Auditor	1.82
Record Print	3.19
Auto Reg. Guide	6.00
Glenroy Howland, stamps	9.00
Glenroy Howland, stamped envelopes	18.38
Record Print, Reports	168.09
F. J. Shores, Transfers	14.13
Brown & Saltmarsh, Tax Book	11.27
Record Print, Letterheads	7.00
Bert Pulsifer, Bonds	28.00
Edson Eastman, Dog Tags	4.65
Ida M. Horner, Cost of tax sale	27.36
N. H. Town Clerks Asso.	2.00
N. H. Assessors Asso.	2.00
Ida M. Horner, Mortgage Search	1.75

Payments (Continued)

Wheeler & Clark, Appointments	2.12	
Noyes Ins. Agency, Added		
Town Hall	40.90	
Edson Eastman, Treas. Reports	3.19	
Clifton Shores, Expenses	18.80	
Clifton Shores, Tax Meeting	6.00	
Kenneth Robbins, Expenses	35.68	
Kenneth Robbins, Tax Meeting	6.00	
Clayton Ham, Expenses	23.00	
Ida M. Horner, Copying Records	20.00	
Ida M. Horner, Office Expenses	28.77	
		\$ 490.28

Election and Registration Expenses:

Geo. K. Thompson, Moderator	30.00	
Jeanette Holub, Ballot Clerk	6.00	
Vera Rheault, Ballot Clerk	12.00	
Ethel Robinson, Ballot Clerk	12.00	
Frances Steele, Ballot Clerk	6.00	
Katherine Ham, Ballot Clerk	12.00	
Fred Adams, Supervisor	40.00	
Clarence Downing, Supervisor	40.00	
Ralph Steele, Supervisor	30.00	
		\$ 188.00

Town Hall

N. H. Elec. Coop, Electricity	24.00	
Grossmans, Hardware	2.87	
Clayton Ham, Town Shed	12.00	
Avery's Garage, Stove Repair	1.93	
		\$ 40.80

Police Department

Ralph Steele	25.00	
		\$ 25.00

Fire Department

Campton Volunteers, a/c Brown's	248.50	
Bert Benton, Posting	18.73	
Charles Kimball, Meeting	10.05	
Bert Benton, Ward Hiltz Fire	53.40	
		\$ 330.63

Payments (Continued)

Bounties:

K. W. Robbins, 16 Hedgehogs	4.00	
Clayton Ham, 15 Hedgehogs	3.75	
Clifton Shores, 12 Hedgehogs	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 10.75

Vital Statistics:

Irma Sullivan	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 15.00

Maintenance Highways & Bridges:

Summer Work	1,718.20	
Winter Work	2,944.20	
(For itemized account please see special report)	<hr/>	\$ 4,662.40

Town Road Aid

Town's Share	267.84	\$ 267.84
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General Expenses, Highway Dept.

Sandwich Notch	300.00	
B. & M. R. R., Tractor Parts	70.87	
Frank Avery, Tractor Op.	112.76	
State Highway, Patch Material	21.30	
Everett Steele, Plank	9.24	
Roger Steele, Plank	7.20	
R. R. Yeaton, Plank	35.28	
Chas. Kimball, Sawing	10.29	
Clayton Ham, Town Shed	13.00	
Chase Grain, Salt	50.00	
Clayton Ham, Trucking	10.00	
Clarence Downing, Water Tub	3.00	
Chase Grain Mill, Cement	15.00	
Culvert, Blake Mt. Cabins	40.48	
Culvert, Nelson, Cables	35.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 739.02

Libraries:

Frances Avery, Trustee	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 75.00

Payments (Continued)

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	1,665.83	
Town Poor	445.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,110.83

Memorial Day:

Meadow Brook Green House	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	269.30	
(For itemized account please see special report)	<hr/>	\$ 269.30

Unclassified Payments:

Damages, Frank Avery	8.50	
Taxes Bought by Town	495.47	
White Mt. Region Asso.	52.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 556.23

New Construction-Permanent Improvements:

Special Appropriation	1,140.17	
(For itemized account please see special report)	<hr/>	\$ 1,140.17

County Tax:

Harry Huckins, Treas.	1,118.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,118.41

Payments to School District:

Appropriations a/c and Bal.	12,928.00	
Dog Money 1949 a/c	160.00	
Nat'l. Forest Reserve 1950	261.12	
	<hr/>	\$13,349.12

Indebtedness Payments:

Timber Tax Deposit Returned	65.23	
Check Charge, Bank	.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 65.78

Total Payments	<hr/>	\$ 26,925.91
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EXEMPTION TO SOLDIERS

James Anderson	\$ 500.00
Amos Avery	600.00
Scott Alonzo Benton	800.00
Lyman Boyce, Jr.	1,000.00
Horace M. Bickford	1,000.00
Archie C. Browne	1,000.00
Floyd Boyce	500.00
Mary G. Cooper	1,000.00
Kenneth J. Dollahite	1,000.00
Howard Downing	1,000.00
Richard Downing	300.00
Ernest Dupont	1,000.00
Russell Gilman	1,000.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Raymond Holbrook	1,000.00
Oscar Inkel	1,000.00
Peter R. Jennings	1,000.00
Frank Karp	1,000.00
Willard Linnell	1,000.00
Eric Leonhardt	1,000.00
Roland Marshall	1,000.00
Robert McGee	1,000.00
Richard Oliver	1,000.00
Charles Ouellet	1,000.00
Lizafore Romprey	1,000.00
Frank Steele	1,000.00
Frank and Roger Steele	885.00
Robert Strong	1,000.00
Frances Smith	100.00
Guy Vintinner	1,000.00
Mrs. Carl Wescott	1,000.00
Morton White	400.00

26,685.00

Soldier's exemption applications much be filed with the Selectmen, EACH AND EVERY YEAR, before April 15th.

Exemption blanks will not be sent out THIS YEAR. YOU MUST APPLY FOR SAME TO ONE OF THE SELECTMEN.

No applications can be received nor exemption granted, after the local tax rate is approved.

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS

. . . an attempt has been made to straighten out the record keeping of the Selectmen's Office, and to make up a Town Report which is correct—and fairly easy to understand.

We have been able to wire the Town Hall for electricity,—to reconstruct the voting booths so that they are now legal,—and to make it possible to bring the Selectmen out into the open hall during the conduct of the Annual Meeting. The Ladies have come forward with the custom of serving a good hot luncheon at noon on Town Meeting Day, at the Vestry. This is appreciated.

There are a few more things which need to be done to the Town Hall and to Town procedure.

The office in the Town Hall should be made practical, by installing an electric heater (we pay for more current than we use) and by making suitable shelves for books and supplies used by the Selectmen. When this is done the Selectmen should be required to meet regularly at certain times at the Town House, and to keep their records there, and do their business there. How else can the Town ever be run on a business-like basis?

The old hearse room in the Town Shed should be made into a storage room for records which now are stored over the ceiling in the Town Hall,—a procedure of long standing, which has become unsafe. This attic over the Hall should be cleaned out, the roof inspected

for leaks, and the chimney inspected for safety. The buildings deserve to be painted.

Our Town is fortunate in having a thoroughly capable Town Clerk and Treasurer, and Tax Collector. The Selectmen are honest Gentlemen too—and have more sense than some of you think!

The Town is meeting conditions which call for forward thinking and planning. This has come about by changed values,—a changed dollar,—changed living habits and working conditions,—increased demands for more and better Town services,—and new residents coming to Town. Although the School District is entirely separate from the Selectmen's affairs, we believe that more people should take an active interest in trying to understand the School Board's Budget and methods of administration. Supt. Rollins' last school report seems to imply that the people of Thornton think more about road construction, etc., than they do about the education of their children. Unfortunately, money alone will never improve our schools.

The State Tax Commission has announced its intention of sending an Assessor into Town to inspect and appraise, (with the Selectmen) property comprising a certain percentage of the total Town valuation. They believe that property values are definitely on a higher plane, and are not apt to return to previous levels.

A complete re-valuation job is in prospect, and should be welcome,—having in mind the readjustment of inequalities wherever possible within the Town,—and equalizing values within the region as a whole.

TOWN ROADS

T-R-A

The TRA money for 1950 was used in the Gore, to grade and resurface the road from the new Glen-Duffy Bridge to the top of the hill near Frank Avery's camp.

The money was expended by and under supervision of the State, in cooperation with the Selectmen.

A balance remains which we expect to use for tarring this stretch in the Spring.

Balance from previous account	\$ 187.62
State Appropriation 1950	1,071.36
Town Contribution	267.84
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Expenditures	\$ 1,526.82
	1,172.30
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Balance on Hand	354.52

ROAD DISTRICTS DEFINED

Summer Districts for Maintenance:

District No. 1—Mad River, John Rivers, Agt.

District No. 2—Mill Brook, John Rivers, Agt.

District No. 3—Gore, West Side, Fred Adams, Agt.

Winter Districts:

John Rivers, Maintenance:

Mad River and Mill Brook

John Rivers, Snow Plowing:

Mad River

Fred Adams, Maintenance:

West Side and the Gore

Clayton Ham, Snow Plowing:

West Side and the Gore and Mill Brook

SANDWICH NOTCH

Town Contribution	\$ 300.00
Bal. unused, Dec. 31, 1950	25.30

TOWN ROADS

SUMMER WORK

District No. 1 and No. 2, Nov. '49 - Dec. 31, 1950

John Rivers	\$ 1,147.00
David Rodgers	28.20
Harold Rodgers	27.20
Scott Benton	13.60
Clifford Harding	4.00
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	\$ 1,220.00

District No. 3—January-December 31, '50

Fred Adams	\$ 262.80
Bert Avery	40.80
Leon Brown	45.60
Ralph Steele, Jr.	35.20
George Adams	71.20
Albert Reitsma	16.00
Richard Bradley, Gravel	6.00
Lester Bradley, Team	6.40
Malcolm Merrill	6.40
Stanley Adams	3.20
Sam. Truesdale	4.00
W. B. Avery, Supplies	.60
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	\$ 498.20

Total Summer Costs \$ 1,718.20

WINTER WORK

**Snow Fence, Ditching, Snow Plowing and Sanding
at Mad River, and Sanding at Mill Brook**

John Rivers	\$ 964.10
Robert Rivers	74.20
Charles Benton	14.40
Russell Gilman	33.40
Harry Gilman	14.00
Albert Lamson	13.60

TOWN ROADS

Walter Harding	2.00
Harry Uhlman	.80
Dave Rodgers	2.40
Harold Rodgers	11.20
Eliza Haynes, sand	20.25
W. B. Avery, fuses	6.00
Fracher's Hardware	2.95
McKinnon, welding	16.00

Total, Nov. '49 to Jan. '51	\$ 1,175.30
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Snow Fence, Ditching and Sanding at Gore
and West Side

Fred Adams, truck	\$ 45.00
Smith Merrill, truck	45.00
Winston Merrill	17.50
George Adams	1.40
Vincent Levasseur	1.40
Eliza Haynes, gravel	8.30
Donald Merrill	3.50
Richard Howard	1.40
Stanley Adams	6.40
Malcolm Merrill	12.80
Albert Reitsma	6.40

	\$ 149.10
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Snow Plowing - Districts 2 and 3

Clayton Ham	\$ 969.50
Spencer Ham	607.00
Charles Kimball	37.00
Preston Boyce	5.00
Gasoline	1.30

Total, Jan. '50 to April '50	\$ 1,619.80
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Total Winter Costs	\$ 2,944.20
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TOWN ROADS

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR TOWN ROADS

Anderson Hill—Grading, Gravel and Tar

John Rivers, truck and tractor	\$ 223.00
Harold Rodgers	14.00
Morton Rodgers	21.60
Dave Rodgers	4.80
Oscar Inkel	2.40
Scott Benton	4.00
Eliza Haynes, gravel	3.60
State Hwy. Dept., tar	162.25

\$ 435.65

Mill Brook Culvert

Lumber	\$ 5.00
John Rivers	105.00
Harold Rodgers	33.60

\$ 143.60

November Wash-Outs

Fred Adams, truck, Gore	\$ 34.00
Bert Avery, truck, Gore	28.00
George Adams, Gore	16.00
Stanley Adams, Gore	9.60
Richard Bradley, gravel, Gore	14.40
Scott Benton, tractor, Gore	48.00
John Rivers, Gore	59.50
John Rivers, Mill Brook	148.40
John Rivers, Mad River	11.50

\$ 369.40

Metal Culvert—Gore - T.R.A. Ap.

\$ 146.52

Grading Roads—(Hanson-Adams)

45.00

\$ 191.52

Approp. \$1,200.00

Total Costs

\$ 1,140.17

CEMETERY REPORT

MOWING AND GENERAL CARE OF

Pine Grove Cemetery - Hanson Cemetery

Orris Road Cemetery - Gore Cemetery

Scott Benton, labor	\$ 115.60	
Scott Benton, tractor	22.50	
Alton Benton, labor	27.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 165.20
Mad River Cemetery		
Roy Sawyer, labor	25.60	
Everett Sawyer, labor	25.60	
Truck	6.40	
Mowing and Raking	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 82.60
Rand's Hardware		21.50
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Total		\$ 269.30

Report of Overseer of Poor

Town Cases:

Eric Anderson, Jr.	\$ 28.50
Sam Truesdale	51.50
Russell Cochrane	365.00

Cost to Town	\$ 445.00
Drew from Town	445.00

RALPH, STEELE. Overseer

LIBRARY REPORT

Trustees

	Receipts	Payments
Received of Selectmen	\$ 50.00	
Dividend Walter Lee Trust	50.00	
Library Dues	8.17	
H. R. Hunting Co., Books	\$	76.97
Magazines		29.55
Library Supplies		1.65
Totals	\$ 108.17	\$ 108.17

FRANCES AVERY, Trustee

Librarian

Books circulated	1324
Bookmobile circulated	22
Magazines circulated	114
Gift books, Mr. & Mrs. Boyer	14
Books purchased	37
Library dues \$8.17	

VERA HAZELTINE, Librarian

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We hereby certify we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Road Agents, for the year ending December 30, 1950 and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

RAYMOND BARDWELL,

RICHARD OLIVER,

Auditors

Civil Defense Organization

State Director, Miles R. Browning, USN, (Ret.)

County Director, Harry Manson, Lebanon

Local Town Director, Kenneth Robbins

Town Unit Leaders:

Warning and Communications, Frank J. Avery

Refugee Unit, Fred Adams, Edwin Gilman

Fire Fighting and Engineering Unit, Charles Kimball

Police, Health and Sanitation Unit, Ralph Steele

Rescue and Evacuation Unit, Clayton Ham

Transportation Unit, Clifton Shores

Warden Services Unit, Glenroy Howland,
Scott Benton, Jr., Russell Gilman

Administrative Unit, Irma Sullivan, Ida Horner

First Aid Unit, Ethel Robinson

Thornton Warning Center, F. J. Avery's Garage

Our warning received from Campton

Alert Signal—one long (3 minute) whistle

There is no Warning signal

Alert signal means, Take cover, protect life and property

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON, N. H., ON DECEMBER 31, 1950

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION (Name of Cemetery lot)	Horse Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income Ist of Year	Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Furgin by Don James	Plymouth Goat	\$100.00		3.66	2.61	3.00	3.27
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Baynard by Clara Merrill	"	100.00		4.05	2.65	3.00	3.70
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston and Carleton by Wm. Houston	"	150.00		39.29	4.80	29.00	15.09
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby by Emma Smith	"	50.00		.97	1.28	2.00	.25
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr. by James Fadden	"	100.00		2.59	2.60	3.00	2.19
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	50.00		.61	1.28	1.00	.89
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton by Lena Moulton	"						
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	200.00		4.18	5.17	4.00	5.35
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith by Frances Smith	"	100.00		4.28	2.64	2.50	4.42
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James by Melvina Gilman	"	75.00		1.02	1.93	2.00	.95
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson by Romanzo Johnson	"	50.00		.84	1.26	1.00	1.10
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons by Geo Morrill	"	100.00		.14	2.53	2.00	.67
Nov. 3, 1941	John Elkins & John Richards by Susan Elkins	"	200.00		5.50	5.18	5.00	5.68
Jan. 10, 1943	Warren Moulton by Annie Moulton	"	100.00		1.46	2.55	2.00	2.01
June 16, 1943	Charles and Jonathan Gordon By Grace Gordon	"	50.00		7.02	1.43	8.45	
July 11, 1944	Campbell and Bowles by Mrs. Bertha Bowles	"	100.00			2.52	2.00	.52
Mar. 12, 1946	Alfred M. Dame by Alfred M. Dame	"	100.00			2.51	2.00	.51
Oct. 10, 1944		"	100.00		2.73	2.58	2.00	3.31

TRUST FUNDS (Continued)

Oct. 11, 1945	Mad River Cemetery Fund by Walter I. Lee	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	2000.00	2½%	1.22	51.59	52.26	.55
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library Fund by Walter I. Lee	"	2000.00	2½%	50.00		50.00	
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith Fund by Margaret Smith	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	500.00	2%	16.74	13.06	10.00	19.80
Oct. 5, 1948	Edward J. Canfield Fund by Edward J. Canfield	U. S. Saving Bond Series G	200.00	2½%	5.30	5.08	2.50	7.58
Oct. 4, 1949	Benjamin Merrill by Lora Olsen	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	100.00	2%	1.04	1.04	1.00	.04
Nov. 30, 1949	Russell Fader by Mrs. Wm. D. Coollins	Plymouth Guar. Savings Bank	150.00	2%	1.25	1.25	1.00	.25

TOTALS	6,675.00	101.30	167.54	190.71	78.13
		GLENROY M. HOWLAND KENNETH W. ROBBINS SCOTT A. BENTON			
		} Trustees.			

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female							
		No of Child								
		Liv or S'brn	Color							
Jan 4	Joseph Charles	M	L	2 W	Lizifore C Romprey	Arlene J Ewens	W Thornton	Mill worker	Plymouth	Bristol
Feb 24	Louise Winifred	F	L	4 W	Richard L Bradley	Dorothy W Corkum	W Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Reedsboro Vt
Feb 24	Linda Lee	F	L	1 W	Rene Rheault	May E Hanson	W Thornton	Laborer	Lawrence	Norwood Mass
Apr 21	Charles William	M	L	2 W	Sidney L Cheney	Thedessa A Currier	W Thornton	Laborer	Campton	Rockport Me
May 18	Donald Russell	M	L	2 W	Russell M Gilman	Ardelle Benton	W Thornton	Woolen mill	Thornton	Campton
May 18	Rosalie June	F	L	8 W	Leroy P Uhlman	Marjorie E McCoy	W Thornton	Farmer	Thornton	Campton
June 18	Wayne Ezra	M	L	2 W	Eugene Superchi	Irene M Downing	W Thornton	Truck driver	Lincoln	Thornton
Oct 25	Alan Harold	M	L	2 W	Harold F Jaynes	Virginia K Shultz	W Thornton	Maritime service	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Dec 14	Stephen Carrel	M	L	3 W	Kenneth J Dollahite	Dorothy B Rich	W Thornton	Self-owned laundry	Texas	New Jersey
Dec 18	Cheryl Ann	F	L	2 W	Floyd E Boyce	Blanche V Piper	W Thornton	Laborer	Thornton	Campton

Mariages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date—1950		Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times Married	Name residence and official station of person by whom married
Apr 7	Rumney	Stanley A Manion	Joan Howard	Rumney W Thornton	36 W	W	Laborer	Wentworth No W Woodstock	Elwyn Manion Ethel L Colburn	Alexandria Wentworth Woodstock	Housewife Merchant	3	Leslie L Bunker Justice of Peace
May 7	Thornton	Richard R Howard	Alice Dion	Thornton Thornton	20 W	W	Farming	Thornton Landaff	Glenroy M Howland Elizabeth Fifield Hollis Howard Harriet Connor	Thornton Orford	Housewife Farmer	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman
July 1	Plymouth	Arthur L Gross	Irma M Smith	Beebe River Thornton	21 W	W	Mill work	Norton Mass	Thomas S Dion Audra B Mayhew Arnold C Gross	Thornton Lyndonville Vt	Retired Housewife	1	Adrien Verrette Catholic Priest
July 1	Woodstock	Donald E Grace	Betty June Anderson	Canaan Thornton	25 W	W	Office work	Thornton Orange Mass	Alexina Marten Edgar Smith Irma Selby George Grace	Taunton Mass Coventry Vt Dunham Que	Housewife Deceased	1	Plymouth
Oct 14	Plymouth	Fred A Swetson	Betty June Anderson	Thornton Thornton	23 W	W	Woollen mill	Belville N J	Lottie Osburn Eric H Anderson Sigrid Sundberg	Deering Sweden Sweden	Housewife Mill work	1	Sidney D Cahoon Clergyman
Nov 10	Woodstock	Clarese B Woodbury	Frederice A Glover	Plymouth Benton	18 W	W	At home	Arlington Mass	George F Swetson Theima F George Doris I Brainerd	Sweden Chelsea Mass Danville Lanesville Mass	Housewife Housewife	1	Deane L Hodges Clergyman
Dec 7	Woodstock	Barbara E Mitchell	Fred G Hartwell	Thornton Woodstock	19 W	W	Student	Plymouth Berhn	Clarence E Woodbury Allan E Glover Georgia E Clinch	Plymouth Littleton	Housewife Farmer	2	Sidney Cahoon Clergyman
		Barbara A Steele		Thornton	31 W	W	Housewife	Thornton Woodstock	Andrew C Robertson Mary A McLeod Nathaniel Hartwell	Berlin New Brunswick Thornton Lowell Mass	Housewife Clerk	1	Sidney Cahoon Clergyman
				Thornton	18 W	W	Carpenter	Woodstock	Harry Steele Arltha Smith	Woodstock North Woodstock	Housewife Deceased	1	Sidney Cahoon Clergyman

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1950

Date of Death 1950	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Cond'n	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months		Single,mar.,w.			
Feb 2	Concord	Frank Corliss	83		New Hamp	M W S Retired		Arad Corliss	Ellen Rogers
Mar 1	Lawrence Mass	Arthur S Brown	79		Halifax N S	M W W Retired		William Brown	Mary Donovan
Mar 2	Thornton	Robert Rivers	33		No Sutton	M W S Laborer		John Rivers	Mary Stuart
Mar 4	Thornton	Charles H Smith	22		Jackman Me	M W M Woolen mill		Ora Smith	Edith Noseworthy
Mar 4	Thornton	Robert Henry Smith	10		Plymouth	M W S Child		Charles H Smith	Frances E Corsey
Mar 4	Thornton	Wayne G Smith	2		Plymouth	M W S Child		Charles H Smith	Frances E Corsey
Mar 4	Thornton	Robert Henry Smith	8		Plymouth	F W S Child		Charles H Smith	Frances E Corsey
Mar 4	Thornton	Robert Henry Smith	7		Plymouth	M W S Child		Charles H Smith	Frances E Corsey
Mar 4	Thornton	James C Smith	3		Richmond Me	F W S Child		Charles H Smith	Frances E Corsey
Mar 4	Thornton	Sandra E Smith	3		Plymouth	M W M Bobbin mill		Charles H Smith	Isabelle Hoshmer
May 15	Thornton	Albert Moses	47		Chichester	F W S Retired		Frank Moses	Ella F Sanborn
May 22	Franklin	Clara Bell Plummer	69		Thornton	M W M Retired		Charles F Plummer	
July 16	Thornton	Harmidos Inkell	62		S Marlow Qu	M W M Retired			
Oct 16	Plymouth	Ivie B Downing	63		Lunenburg Vt	F W M Housewife		Pichard Ball	Ellen Hartshorn

School Report

Payments to the School District represent the largest single appropriation in the Town Budget.

It is important to attend the School District Meeting - as well as the Town Meeting.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 13th day of March, 1951, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to dispose of the Lyford school house building paying the proceeds to the District Treasurer for school purposes.
10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to dispose of the School House No. 6 lot and school buildings paying the proceeds to the District Treasurer for school purposes.
11. To transmit any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this
first day of February, 1951.

NELLIE M. ADAMS,
EVA S. GREY,
FLORENCE STEELE,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELLIE M. ADAMS,
EVA S. GREY,
FLORENCE STEELE,

School Board of Thornton, N. H.

OFFICERS OF THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Mrs. Eva S. Grey, Chairman

Mrs. Nellie Adams

Mrs. Florence Steele

Treasurer and Clerk

Mrs. Irma Sullivan

Auditor

Frances Avery

Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

Received from Selectmen, Appropriation 1950	\$ 3,709.82
Received from Selectmen, Appropriation	6,050.00
Received from Selectmen, Dog Tax	160.00
Received from State Treasurer	4,496.90
Received Refund on Salary	50.00

	\$ 14,944.74
Total Payments	14,873.10

Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 71.64
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IRMA SULLIVAN,

District Treasurer, Thornton

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1949
and Ending June 30, 1950**

Receipts

Federal Aid

National Forest Reserve	\$	278.29
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State Aid

Equalization and Emergency		4,496.90
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Local Taxation

Current Appropriation	6,516.93
Special Appropriation	960.00
Bal. of Previous Appropriations	1,873.07

Other Sources

Dog Licenses	291.53
Other	50.00

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$ 14,466.72
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Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year	
July 1, 1949	478.02

Grand Total	\$ 14,944.74
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Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES AVERY,

July 14, 1950

Auditor

Payments

	High School	Elementary School
Administration		
Salaries of district officers		\$ 300.00
Superintendent's Salary (local share)		198.84
Tax for state wide supervision		184.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel		45.35
Supplies and expenses		121.47
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries		5,640.00
Books and other instructional aids		87.46
Scholars' supplies		152.75
Supplies and other expenses		39.82
Operation of School Plant		
Salaries of janitors		266.00
Fuel or heat		237.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses		130.67
Maintenance of School Plant		
Repairs and Replacements		134.22

Auxiliary Activities

Health Supervision		217.19
Transportation		2,893.50
Tuition	3,553.00	152.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement		476.83
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses		43.00

Total Current Expenses	3,553.00	11,320.10
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Total Payments for all purposes	\$ 14,873.10
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Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1950)	71.64
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Grand Total	\$ 14,944.74
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BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1950

Assets

Cash on hand June 30, 1950	\$ 71.64
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Accounts due to district From Town or City	2,761.15
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Total Assets	\$ 2,832.79
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Grand Total	\$ 2,832.79
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Liabilities

Surplus (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)	\$ 2,832.79
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Grand Total	\$ 2,832.79
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Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent

FLORENCE STEELE,

NELLIE ADAMS,

EVA S. GREY,

July 7, 1950

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1951-1952

School District of Thornton

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

	High School	Elementary School
Administration		
Salaries of district officers		\$ 300.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)		191.00
Tax for state wide supervision		180.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel		60.00
Supplies and other expenses		140.00
Instruction		
Salaries of teachers and principals		6,925.00
Books and other instructional aids		200.00
Scholars' supplies		225.00
Other instructional expenses		100.00
Operation of School Plant		
Salaries of janitors		200.00
Fuel or heat		325.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses		150.00
Maintenance of School Plant		
Repairs and replacements		250.00
Auxiliary Activities		
Health supervision		260.00
Transportation		3,420.00
Tuition	\$3,166.00	
Special activities and special funds		125.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement	450.00
Insurance, Treasurer's Bonds and expenses	70.00

Capital Outlay

New Equipment	150.00
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Debt, Interest and Other Charges

Contingency Reserve	675.00
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Total	\$ 3,166.00	\$14,396.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget		\$ 17,562.00

Estimated Income of District

Estimated balance June 30, 1951	\$ 200.00
State Aid as of December 1, 1951	Unknown
Deduct Total Estimated Income	200.00
Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget	\$ 17,362.00

EVA S. GREY,

NELLIE ADAMS,

FLORENCE STEELE,

Thornton, January 18, 1951

School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Thornton School Board:

My annual report is herewith submitted for your consideration and for the information of Thornton people as a whole. It contains a minimum of statistical material but discusses in considerable detail those items that may be of general public interest.

The success of our schools is due more to the faithful and effective work of the teachers than to any other single influence. We have been fortunate in being able to retain the services of three local women who have direct interest in the children of the town. If it had been our misfortune to duplicate the experience of towns whose schools have suffered from teaching of questionable quality and have been interrupted by frequent replacement of teachers, we should all have been losers. It is the hope of your superintendent that replacements in Thornton may be long deferred.

The people of this town have taken a most commendable step forward in providing almost universal school transportation. It seems to me entirely fitting and proper to place around children every reasonable safeguard against the hazards of present day traffic on the highway. Health and safety no longer depend on physical ability to walk specified distances. It is a tribute to Thornton taxpayers that this additional financial obligation is so willingly assumed.

There is another question that should be presented and discussed for the purpose of giving information more than of offering criticism. However, the situation should be correctly adjusted as early as possible. I refer to the accumulated balance of previous appropriations not yet paid into the school district treasury by the

Selectmen. Through the years it seems to have become a custom to withhold any money not actually required for school purposes. Such procedure is contrary to law. School districts are financial entities entirely apart from the town in which they are organized. When an appropriation has been voted by the school district and certified to the Selectmen, it is the duty of that board to pay the full amount to the district treasurer. Any unexpended balance at the end of a fiscal year is properly accounted for by the school board in budgeting for the next year. The accumulated balance due the school district and reported to the Tax Commission as of June 30, 1950 now amounts to \$2761.15. On June 30, 1945 the amount due from the town was \$1251.61.

While we have had only a short experience with oil heat in West Thornton the satisfactory results seem to point to the desirability of similar installations in the other two schools when financial provision can be made. By eliminating daily fire building it should be easier to obtain janitor service than has often been the case over a period of years. Greater comfort for all schools could be had with only a slight increase in cost.

The next Thornton budget may well make provision for the erection of playground equipment at each school. If material were made available by the district, perhaps interested parents might contribute time and labor to build swings and teeter-boards. Commercial playground equipment is too costly for us to buy and would serve no better purpose than locally built pieces.

The sale of unused school buildings should be put through as soon as possible in order to have the money for school use and to avoid further maintenance expense on property no longer needed for school purposes. Proceeds from such sale could, if so decided by the school board, be used as required for oil heating and playgrounds.

Equalization of school enrollments was partially accomplished by the transfer of some pupils from the

Center to Mad River. This added to the Mad River transportation route but took enough away from the Center route so that a single vehicle now transports pupils on both sides of the river for whom two transporters were formerly employed.

Full cooperation of parents, teachers, and the School Board has contributed to the smooth and effective operation of our schools. To all of them my sincere thanks are here extended.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,
Supt. of Schools

1951-1952 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. Weeks	No. Days
Sept. 5, 1951	Dec. 21, 1951	16	72
Jan. 2, 1952	Feb. 15, 1952	7	33
Feb. 25, 1952	April 18, 1952	8	40
April 28, 1952	June 13, 1952	7	34
		38	179

This calendar contains 179 days of school sessions. The two days when schools are closed for Convention count as part of the required school year even though no sessions are actually held. This gives a total of 181 school days or one over the minimum of 180. The loss of more than one day because of bad weather or other emergency could be made up by Saturday sessions or by continuing after June 13.

Teachers in Thornton School 1950-1951

	Grades
West Thornton—Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	1-8
Center—Mrs. Harriette G. Hartwell	1-8
Mad River—Mrs. Olive Benton	1-8

Roll of Perfect Attendance

1949-1950

Wayne Rodgers	Beverly Coursey
David Bradley	Lawrence Downing
Arthur Reitsma	Kenneth Grey
Carolyn Broad	David Steele
	Pamela Steele

1950 Graduates From Thornton Schools

Madelyn Bennett	Bernard Merrill
Ann LaBrecque	David Steele
	Stephen Uhlman

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse for the school year 1949 to 1950.

Number of children weighed, measured
and inspected 68

Symptoms of defects found:

Dental	19
Tonsils	9
Vision	5
Orthopedic	1
Skin	1
Speech	1

No communicable diseases were reported

These corrections were made:

Dental	21
Skin	1
Orthopedic	1
Vision—3 new glasses, 2 lens changed	
Children of the 7th and 8th grades were skin tested	

in March by the Grafton County Tuberculosis Nurse. None had reactions. Two children had new glasses by Sight Conservation of Public Welfare. One child was taken to Manchester Orthopedic Clinic. Children from the first through the sixth grades attended the series of four Fluorine Clinics held at Plymouth. Much credit should be given the transportation committee for their efficient service.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank the School Board, Superintendent Rollins, Teachers, Parents, and Pupils who are helping to maintain and improve the health of the children of Thornton.

Respectfully submitted,

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